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CalVCP Victims' Rights Rally Kicks Off Week of Events

State agencies and advocates protecting victims unite to honor victims' rights

SACRAMENTO – The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) leads off the week-long observance of 2011 National Crime Victims' Rights Week with a powerful show of support and unity at the 2nd Annual Victims' Rights Rally and March at 10am on Monday, April 11.

The event, held at CalVCP Headquarters at 400 R Street in Sacramento, will unite several state agencies and bring awareness to the public that assistance is available to victims of violent crime by the State of California. This year's event includes Secretary of State and Consumer Services Agency, Anna Caballero; Assemblymember and Chair of the Assembly Select Committee on Domestic Violence, Fiona Ma; VCGCB Executive Officer, Julie Nauman; CalEMA Acting Secretary Mike Dayton; and San Bernardino County District Attorney, Mike Ramos.

The rally will also feature a powerful victim story including one man's account of survival after his pregnant wife was murdered by one of Sacramento's most notorious serial killers. Joining the hundreds of CalVCP employees attending the rally, will be Bikers Against Child Abuse, a non-profit organization raising awareness as they ride to help the most helpless of victims.

"This rally is an opportunity to share with the public, the efforts California's has made with regards to victims' right. As we celebrate our 46th year and surpass over \$2 billion in compensation payouts, we are proud of the great strides California has taken," said Julie Nauman, Executive Officer of the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board.

CalVCP is honoring National Crime Victims' Rights Week 2011 with events throughout the week of April 10-16. This annual observance recognizes crime victims, survivors, supporters and advocates throughout the United States. The theme for this year's event is "Reshaping the Future, Honoring the Past."

Last year, CalVCP received nearly 57,000 applications for financial assistance and provided more than \$97 million in compensation to crime victims funded with restitution paid by criminal offenders and not taxpayers. Through the program, victims and their families can be reimbursed for crime-related expenses including funeral services, medical bills, relocation, mental health treatment and more.

Throughout the week, CalVCP representatives will participate in candlelight vigils, rallies, marches and gatherings to honor victims and those who serve them.

Monday | CalVCP will kick off the week with a Victims' Rights Rally at its headquarters at 10am. Following this, participants will march to the Capitol West Steps.

Tuesday | CalVCP participates with CDCR's Office of Victim and Survivor Rights and Services Information Faire at 1515 S Street in Sacramento. Program includes Moment of Silence and Presentation at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday | CalVCP rolls out its Denim Drive Campaign with the placements of donation bins located throughout several state agencies in an effort to raise awareness and money for victims of violent crimes.

Thursday | Executive Officer, Julie Nauman speaks at: Sonoma County D. A. Luncheon on Victim Service and Survivor Assistance and at the 7th Annual Justice Awards in San Francisco.

Friday | Executive Officer, Julie Nauman speaks at Annual Crime Survivors Award Banquet in Southern California.

For additional information about CalVCP, the week's events or local crime victim assistance resources, visit www.calvcp.ca.gov.